(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to prepare a financial restructuring strategy for Air India in order to bring it out of red?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The ground handling activities in Air India are presently carried out by the Ground Services Department. Air India proposes to set up a subsidiary for ground handling operations with a view to improving efficiency.

(c) Air India is already out of red as it made a profit in the last financial year.

Enquiring by DGCA

1235. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Close call in mid-air near Mumbai Airport" which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 3rd January 2003;

(b) if so, whether an enquiry was ordered by the DGCA in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the enquiry report; and

(d) the action taken by Government so that mid-air collisions does not occur in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter is under investigation by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.